



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIREARMS
TRAINING FACILITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-
3 79 of the general statutes, and "firearms training facility" means an
4 indoor or outdoor training facility designed and designated for
5 training with firearms.

6 (b) On and after July 1, 2016, any state agency that constructs a
7 firearms training facility shall purchase (1) thirty acres of land for the
8 construction of such firearms training facility, and (2) a minimum of
9 three hundred acres of land that is contiguous to the land purchased
10 for the construction of such firearms training facility.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
12 commissioner of any state agency that constructs a firearms training
13 facility shall convey the parcel of land purchased pursuant to
14 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section to the municipality in
15 which such parcel of land is located, at a cost equal to the
16 administrative costs of making such conveyance. The conveyance shall
17 be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

18 (d) The municipality shall use such parcel of land for open space
19 purposes.

20 (e) If the municipality: (1) Does not use such parcel of land for such
21 purposes; (2) does not retain ownership of all of such parcel of land; or
22 (3) leases all or any portion of such parcel of land, the parcel of land
23 shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

24 (f) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of
25 the conveyance of such parcel of land not later than thirty days after it
26 receives a proposed agreement from the state agency. The parcel of
27 land shall remain under the care and control of such agency until a
28 conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section.
29 The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument
30 necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed or
31 instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes set forth
32 in subsection (d) of this section. Such agency shall have the sole
33 responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.

34 (g) Any state agency that constructs a firearms training facility shall
35 design such firearms training facility to incorporate noise reducing
36 methods, including the installation of baffles in such a manner to
37 reduce or redirect sound waves. The Department of Administrative
38 Services, in consultation with the Department of Energy and
39 Environmental Protection, may adopt regulations, in accordance with
40 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this
41 subsection. Such regulations may include, but need not be limited to,
42 the size, location, construction and type of baffles in a firearms training
43 facility.

44 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 12-18b of the 2016 supplement to the
45 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
46 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

47 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-19a and 12-20a, all
48 funds appropriated for state grants in lieu of taxes shall be payable to

49 municipalities and districts pursuant to the provisions of this section.
50 On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
51 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state
52 grant in lieu of taxes, to each municipality and district in this state
53 wherein college and hospital property is located and to each
54 municipality in this state wherein state, municipal or tribal property,
55 except that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges,
56 but not excepting property acquired and used for highway
57 administration or maintenance purposes, is located.

58 (1) The grant payable to any municipality for state, municipal or
59 tribal property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal year
60 ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter shall be equal to
61 the total of:

62 (A) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have
63 been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner
64 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a
65 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the
66 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under
67 direction of the Department of Children and Families that was used for
68 incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list
69 containing the name and location of such designated facilities and
70 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during
71 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State
72 on August first of any year, the Commissioner of Correction shall, on
73 said date, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
74 Management a list containing such information;

75 (B) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have
76 been paid with respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital
77 located at The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington
78 that is used as a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the
79 custody of the Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall
80 be construed as designating any portion of The University of
81 Connecticut Health Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional

82 facility;

83 (C) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have
84 been paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement
85 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the
86 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999;

87 (D) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a,
88 sixty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid
89 with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut
90 Valley Hospital in Middletown;

91 (E) With respect to any municipality in which more than fifty per
92 cent of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent
93 of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to such
94 state-owned property;

95 (F) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been
96 paid with respect to all municipally owned airports; except for the
97 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such
98 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the
99 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.
100 The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally
101 owned airport shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is
102 located, except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be
103 paid one-half to the town of Stratford and one-half to the city of
104 Bridgeport;

105 (G) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been
106 paid with respect to any land designated within the 1983 Settlement
107 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the
108 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8, 1999, or taken into
109 trust by the federal government for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
110 Connecticut, provided the real property subject to this subparagraph
111 shall be the land only, and shall not include the assessed value of any
112 structures, buildings or other improvements on such land; [and]

113 (H) Sixty per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid
 114 with respect to the property purchased pursuant to subdivision (2) of
 115 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act; and

116 ~~[(H)]~~ (I) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have
 117 been paid with respect to all other state-owned real property.

118 (2) (A) The grant payable to any municipality or district for college
 119 and hospital property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal
 120 year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter shall be equal
 121 to the total of seventy-seven per cent of the property taxes that, except
 122 for any exemption applicable to any institution of higher education or
 123 general hospital facility under the provisions of section 12-81, would
 124 have been paid with respect to college and hospital property on the
 125 assessment list in such municipality or district for the assessment date
 126 two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which
 127 such grant is payable; and

128 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
 129 subdivision, the grant payable to any municipality or district with
 130 respect to a campus of the United States Department of Veterans
 131 Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall be one hundred per cent.

132 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) In any fiscal year in which a
 133 grant is awarded to a municipality pursuant to subparagraph (H) of
 134 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 12-18b of the general
 135 statutes, as amended by this act, the appropriation to the Department
 136 of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the following fiscal
 137 year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the grant awarded
 138 pursuant to said subparagraph.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-18b(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*